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Ms. Angela Reynolds, Environmental Officer City Of Long Beach 333 W. Ocean Blvd. 7<sup>th</sup> Flr. Long Beach, CA. 90802

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

This letter is in regard to the DEIR for the proposed Airport Terminal Area Improvement Project. I would like to begin by stating that I strongly recommend the proposed project of approximately 103,000 square feet.

My opinion does not come lightly. I am one of nine members of the "Airport Advisory Commission" for the City of Long Beach. I also was part of the study committee that spent approximately fifteen months and fifty hours of community meetings with neighbors, community groups, the airport consultant HNTB, business people and professional groups, regarding the airport and terminal. However, I am writing this letter as a concerned resident of Long Beach.

The noise ordinance that was settled in Federal Court in the mid 1990's mandates a minimum of 41 commercial flights plus the "sound bucket" and 25 commuter flights. The size of the terminal is immaterial to the number of flights. However, the size of the terminal is of extreme importance when considering the number of people the terminal needs to accommodate. The recommended terminal size proposed by the airport consultant, HNTB and also the Airport Advisory Commission was approximately 133,000 square feet, with two alternatives, 103,000 square feet being the smallest workable size. Long Beach Airport currently services about three million passengers per year with a projection of about 4.2 million per year in the near future. If we build a terminal that will not handle the passengers traveling through our airport, in a few years we will be repeating this agonizing procedure again, and will have to spend serious additional funds to rebuild a terminal that should have been built adequately to begin with!

No one wants more flights, and the number of flights we have is not likely to change except for the addition of the approved commuter flights. All that is desperately needed is a facility to adequately handle the currently approved flights.

Thank you

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